

ABSTRACT

2 A method for joining two steel pipes and a coupler for use in the method. More
3 specifically, the coupler provided is cylindrical for insertion between the ends of two
4 sections of pipe that are to be joined. The pipes to be joined are flanged or threaded such
5 that in the process of joining compression is asserted between the two ends and upon the
6 coupler. The pipes include a liner that typically has some compressibility. The compression
7 of the liner against the coupler during the fastening or joinder of the two ends creates an
8 effective joinder preventing the escape of gas or liquids carried within the liner through the
9 joint.

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